

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) The coloration agent according to ~~claim 7 or 8~~ claim 3, wherein the shot waste is produced as a by-product of shot blasting an iron-based metal.
3. (Currently Amended) A color developing clay for ceramic articles comprising a clay raw material admixed with 1 to 5 wt% of ~~the coloration agent according to claim 7 or 8~~ a coloration agent for use in ceramic articles comprising a metal powder separated from a shot waste wherein the shot waste is an iron based metal,
the metal powder contains a metal oxide powder as a raw material, and
the metal powder is comprised of 70 to 80 wt% of total iron or 60 to 65 wt% of ferric oxide powder.
- 4-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) The coloration agent of ~~claim 7~~ claim 3, wherein the coloration agent ~~is mixed with~~ further comprises at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxide, manganese oxide, chromium oxide, cobalt oxide and vanadium oxide.

10-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A color developing clay for ceramic articles comprising of ~~claim 3, wherein the clay raw material is a Kaolinite~~ admixed with 1 to 5 wt% of a coloration agent for use in ceramic articles comprising a metal powder separated from a shot waste
wherein the shot waste is an iron based metal,
the metal powder contains a metal oxide powder as a raw material, and
the metal powder is comprised of 70 to 80 wt% of total iron or 60 to 65 wt% of ferric oxide powder.

13. (New) The coloration agent according to claim 12, wherein the shot waste is produced as a by-product of shot blasting an iron-based metal.

14. (New) The coloration agent of claim 12, wherein the coloration agent further comprises at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxide, manganese oxide, chromium oxide, cobalt oxide and vanadium oxide.